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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building Central Intelligence Agency, on 8 February 1951

Director of Central Intelligence  
Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith  
Presiding

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12262MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,  
Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence  
Major General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, acting for Director of Intelligence,  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Brigadier General Vernon E. Megee, USMC, Deputy Director for  
Intelligence, The Joint Staff  
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency  
Dr. H. M. Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency  
Dr. Max Millikan, Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. George G. Carey, Central Intelligence Agency

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Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State  
Mr. Charles C. Stelle, Department of State  
Brigadier General John Weckerling, Department of the Army  
Captain John M. Ocker, USN, Department of the Navy  
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force  
Colonel Jack E. Thomas, Department of the Air Force  
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force  
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff  
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Secretary  
Mr. James Q. Reber  
Central Intelligence Agency

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 25 January 1951 (IAC-M-18) were approved.

Intelligence Objectives for Atomic Energy (IAC-D-12)

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2. Action: The Committee approved the "Consolidated Statement of Intelligence Objectives in the Field of Atomic Energy", (IAC-D-12).

3. Discussion: It was pointed out that this paper cannot itself serve as a guide to collectors because in order to achieve the objectives listed, collectors must look for quite different and seemingly unrelated information. Dr. Chadwell agreed and explained that the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee is continuously engaged in identifying the specific information which must be collected.

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National Intelligence Surveys (IAC-D-13)

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5. Action: It was decided to take this matter up again within three weeks. In the meantime:

a. General Megee will obtain a revised list of priorities from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

b. The CIA will investigate the possibility of additional recruitment for the military services using CIA facilities and funds.

c. Mr. Millikan will discuss with the Director of Training the institution of a program to alleviate the shortage of qualified personnel.

d. Mr. Millikan will discuss with appropriate academic groups what sections of the NIS could appropriately be farmed out to the universities.

e. The IAC agencies will consider what portions of the NIS studies could be omitted.

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6. Discussion: Mr. Millikan asked that the committee consider the relative priority of the NIS program in relation to other intelligence demands. He pointed out that the various kinds of intelligence activities are in keen competition with each other for trained personnel. General Bolling indicated that he did not believe the Army would be able to recruit the numbers of qualified personnel necessary to effect the proposed increase in production rate. Other agencies would find it very difficult to do so.

7. Mr. Armstrong suggested that the JCS review their lists of priority areas with a view to defining them more narrowly. He also pointed out that a 1957 completion date for the NIS program was unrealistic in terms of the current international situation.

8. General Cabell raised the question of the usefulness of parts of the NIS and stated that he felt the section on the "Air Order of Battle" should be omitted because the information changes so rapidly.

Exploitation of Captured Sources (IAC-D-14)

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9. No decision was taken on this matter pending resolution of the basic question of CIA representation in Theaters of Operation. It was suggested that the CIA reply to the Secretary of Defense should propose specific amendments to the JCS directives, if any were required.

Projects for the Creation of an Adequate European Defense (NIE-13)

10. Action: It was decided to proceed with NIE-13 as an intelligence paper, and that after consideration in the IAC, General Smith would refer it formally to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff asking for their comments and indicating in what respects they could contribute most to the estimate. It was suggested that the AEC also should look at the paper from an operations point of view.

11. Discussion: General Smith reported that he had discussed the matter with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and that they agree that this is one of the cases in which a joint intelligence-operations estimate is needed. He had agreed with them, however, that the estimate need not get into war plans.

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12. General Megee reported that he had been unable to convince the planning officials in JCS that they should participate on an informal basis in the preparation of this estimate. They would do so, however, if so instructed as a result of a formal request to the Secretary of Defense or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Proposed NIE: Soviet Capabilities to Interfere with US Delivery of Atomic Weapons to Targets in the USSR. (IAC-D-1073)

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13. Action: The Air Force will prepare an initial draft of this estimate and will chair an ad hoc committee to discuss it. It was agreed that participation by the Weapons System Evaluation Group could be limited to providing a consultant to advise on those WSEG findings which would need to be quoted in the final estimate. It was suggested that General Cabell explain this interpretation to General Magruder.

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